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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. FOR MARSHALL BREMENT: TOM TRACY AND JOE PRESEL HAD A LONG DISCUSSION WITH JULIA YESTERDAY. SHE STATED THE FOLLOWING: SOMETIME DURING THE FIRST WEEK AFTER YOUR DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW, PHLEA BIT SGT BRADLEY AND SUBSEQUENTLY COL VERNON. THEY WERE UNABLE TO DEAL WITH HIM AND SHE HAD TO TAKE OVER. COL VERNON CONFIRMS THIS. JULIA THEN UNDERTOOK TO WALK PHLEA SEVERAL TIMES A DAY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AS THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE WHO WAS WILLING TO DO SO. SHE STATES THAT SHE WISHES TO BE PAID FOR EIGHT HOURS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BECAUSE PHLEA HAD TO BE WALKED THREE TIMES AND THOUGH THEORETICALLY SHE COULD HAVE GONE HOME BETWEEN EACH WALK ON THE WEEKEND, HER APARTMENT IS OVER AN HOUR AWAY EACH WAY AND THEREFORE SHE WOULD HAVE SIMPLY HAD TO TURN AROUND AND COME BACK TO TAKE PHLEA ON HIS NEXT WALK. SHE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT EITHER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS: FULL PAYMENT IN RUBLES, I.E. R 899.96 INCLUDING R 89.10 SOCIAL SECURITY TAX OR 80 PERCENT IN D COUPONS OF R 810.86 (THE SOCIAL SECURITY TAX MUST BE PAID IN RUBLES IN ANY EVENT). WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SHE IS SINCERE IN HER BELIEF THAT THE MONEY IS OWED HER AND THAT SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE THE ENTIRE AMOUNT IN RUBLES. SHE SEEMS
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FIRM IN THIS POSITION. WE ADVISED HER THAT WE WOULD BE CONTACTING YOU AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HER AGAIN. DURING THE MEETING, TOM TRACY HANDED OVER THE PACKAGE FROM ARIZONA THAT YOU SENT HER. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. RE STATE 9497, PAR 7 (SAFARYAN): ALTHOUGH PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF PARA 7 IS GARBLED, WE GATHER THAT YOU ARE CHECKING OUT

WITH INS CO THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING MR SAFARYAN ELIGIBLE FOR TCP. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT HE CAN BE FOUND ELIGIBLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED.

3. FOR LEN WILLEMS: WE PRESUME YOU HAVE RECEIVED CLIFF GROSS' HL ITINERARY (76 MOSCOW 20289, PARA 2). PLEASE DROP CLIFF'S REQUEST FOR FEB 14-15 ENROLLMENT IN TERRORISM SEMINAR (76 MOSCOW 19912, PARA 7) DEPARTMENT HAS SINCE AMENDED HIS ORDERS WITH REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND FEB 22-23 SESSION SEMINAR (WHICH IS BETTER TIMING ANYWAY). SINCE GROSSES WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY (FEB 13), THEY WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD TAKE PRECAUTION OF REQUESTING THAT KEYS TO APARTMENT AT COLUMBIA PLAZA BE LEFT AT RECEPTION DESK THERE.

4. RAY BENSON REPLIED YESTERDAY TO JAN 13 LETTER FROM MRS NATASHA LELAND, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT CITIZENS EXCHANGE CORPS, 145 HANOVER STREET, BOSTON, SUGGESTING SPASO CONCERT FOR YALE RUSSIAN CHORUS. PLEASE INFORM MRS LELAND AMBASSADOR AND MRS TOON LOOK FORWARD HOSTING GROUP ON MARCH 17. INFORM WHETHR DATE AGREEABLE.

5. RE LENINGRAD'S 059 ON HARRASSMENT OF CORRESPONDENT EMIL SWEILIS. LATTER HAS RECEIVED SOME SORT OF APOLOGY. CONGEN WILL REPORT DETAILSL, ALSO TONE AND SUBSTANCE CONVERSATION THIS SUBJECT AT JAN 18 LUNCH IN SWEILIS'S HONOR. EMBASSY WILL EXPRESS DISPLEASURE AND DISAPPOINTMENT THIS HARASSMENT TO LOCAL CONTACTS IN MFA PRESS AND USA DIVISIONS, AND ASKS DEPARTMET DO SAME, FIRMLY EVEN IF IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS. AGREEMENT WAS THAT UPI AND TASS CORRESPONDENTS RECEIVE RECIPROCALCOURTESIES IN EVERY CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPECT.

6. GEORGE COSTAKIS VISITED EMBASSY JAN 18 FOR ANOTHER DISCUSSION OF HIS CASE. HE TOLD US THAT THE HAS BEEN DELAYING HIS APPLICATION FOR EXIT PERMISSION PENDING RECEIPT OF AN ANSWER FROM THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE CONCERNING HIS PLANS TO TAKE 10-15 PERCENT OF THE COLLECTION WITH HIM. HE SENT DEMICHEV A LETTER CONTAINING THIS PROPOSAL IN OCTOBER BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED AN ANSWER. COSTAKIS HAS NOW CONCLUDED THAT THE ANSWER HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE HIM TO ABANDON OR POSTPONE HIS PLANS.

7. IN ORDER TO MOVE THE CASE OFF DEAD CENTER, COSTAKIS INTENDS TO APPLY FOR EXIT PERMISSION AT OVIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE FEELS THIS WILL CONVINCE THE AUTHROITIES THAT THE INTENDSTO EMIGRATE WHATEVER THE DISPOSITION OF THE COLLECTION. SINCE HE HAS NO VYZOV FROM THE U.S., OVIR HAS ASKIED THAT THE GET A LETTER STATING THAT, IF THE FAMILY RECEIVES SOVIET EXIT VISAS, WE WILL GIVE THEM ENTRY VISAS. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE COULD SAY IN SUCH A LETTER, IN EFFECT, ONLY THAT "BARRING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES",

ENTRY VISAS WOULD BE ISSUED. HE WANTED US TO MAKE THE LETTER LESS EQUIVOCAL, BUT WE REPLIED THAT THIS COULD BE DONE ONLY IF HIS FAMILY PRESENTED ALL THE REQUIRED "PACKET III" MATERIALS AND CAME TO EMBASSY FOR ADVANCE INTERVIEW WITH CONSOFF. COSTAKIS AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE AND WILL TELEPHONE US AS SOON AS THEY ARE READY.

8. IF ALL GOES WELL, WE HOPE TO ISSUE IV S TO COSTAKIS AND WIFE IN JANUARY SINCE FEBRUARY NON-PREFERENCE PRIORITY DATE WILL BE JUNE 1. IN ORDER TO ISSUE IN JANUARY, WE WILL NEED TO EXPEDITE NAME CHECK REQUESTED MOSCOW 373. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF NAME CHECK COULD BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK., IF POSSIBLE, SO THAT IT WILL BE ON FILE PRIOR TO THE ADVANCE INTERVIEWS.

9. GREENBERG DOUBLE CHECKED WITH AYKAZYAN AT THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REGARDING KIRILIN'S PURPORTED INTEREST IN A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA. AYKAZYAN STATED HE HAD REVIEWED CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR THE SOVIET S&T DELEGATION WITH KIRILLIN LAST WEEK AND AFFIRMED THAT KIRILLIN MADE NO MENTION WHATEVER OF CALIFORNIA. ACCORDING TO AYKAZYAN, KIRILLIN WAS PERFECTLY CONTENT TO STAY WITHIN THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES BUT ONLY SUGGESTED DROPPING PHILADELPHIA WHICH HE HAD VISITED IN 1974. DETAILS OF KIRILLIN'S COMMENTS ARE IN GREENBERG LETTER TO CRAMER DATED JANUARY 13. WE AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT WHATEVER KIRILLIN SAID TO SENATOR CRANSTON'S FRIEND REGARDING CALIFORNIA WAS MORE CONVERSATIONAL BONHOMIE THAN SUBSTANCE.

10. CONCUR WITH FUERTH ASSIGNMENT. PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO GET IN THE WAY OF THIS ONE.

11. RE CONTAMINATION OF FIRST WATER SAMPLES, WHERE DOES MED THINK CONTAMINATION MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED? WE ARE CERTAIN IT DID NOT RPT NOT OCCUR HERE. (CONTAINERS WERE RECEIVED SEALED IN POLYETHELENE AND WERE FILLED, PACKED AND SHIPPED BY PROFESSIONAL LAB TECHNICIAN.) TOON

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